

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to address the 35 USC §112, first and second paragraph rejections and to place the claims in a format more customary to US patent practice. Support for new claim 7 can be found, for example, in original claim 4. Support for new claim 8 can be found, for example, in original claim 6. Support for new claim 9 can be found, for example, on page 4 at line 25. Support for new claim 9-11 can be found on page 3 of the specification. Support for new claim 12 can be found for example on page 7 at lines 35-36. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 USC §112, first paragraph

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 1 under §112, first paragraph. Applicants' direct the Examiners attention to the specification on page 5 at lines 34-37, page 6 first paragraph and the English translation of claim 7 of published PCT WO2005-044204.

Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 USC §112, 1st paragraph be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph

With respect to the rejection of claim 1 under §112, ¶2, claim 4 has been amended to recite "spandex" which was the common name for Lycra® at the time the application was filed. See, for example, the attached February 1999 article from Chemical and Engineering News titled "*What's That Stuff*". See also, MPEP 608.01(v). No new matter has been added.

Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph be withdrawn.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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